

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-402. Online Testing.**

3 **R277-402-1. Definitions.**

4 A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

5 B. "Formative assessment" means an activity, such as
6 questioning, observation, interview and assessment, engaged in
7 by teachers and students during instruction that provides
8 feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve
9 students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes.

10 C. "Intent to implement a uniform online summative test
11 system" as used in 53A-1-708(4) means the commitment by the
12 USOE to provide a consistent statewide process for school
13 districts/charter schools to administer 100 percent of CRT
14 U-PASS-required assessments. This includes the willingness of
15 school districts/charter schools to provide documentation of
16 preparatory activities and of actual test-taking by students.

17 D. "Online formative assessment system" means a system
18 coordinated by the USOE for the online delivery of formative
19 assessments that can be created by teachers, school
20 districts/charter schools, or the USOE. One part of the
21 system is the Utah Test Item Pool Service (UTIPS).

22 E. "Summative tests" means tests administered near the
23 end of a course to assess overall achievement of course goals.

24 F. "Uniform online summative test system" means a
25 statewide process coordinated by the USOE for the online
26 delivery of summative tests required under U-PASS.

27 G. "Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-
28 PASS)" means:

29 ~~[(1) systematic norm-referenced achievement testing of~~
30 ~~all students in grades 3 (administration in fall and spring),~~
31 ~~5, and 8 required by this part in all schools within each~~
32 ~~school district and in charter schools by means of tests~~
33 ~~designated by the Board;]~~

34 ~~[(2)1] criterion-referenced achievement testing of~~
35 ~~students in all grade levels in:~~

36 (a) language arts (grades ~~[2]3~~-11);

37 (b) mathematics (grades ~~[2]3~~-7) and pre-algebra,

elementary Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and geometry;

(c) science (grades 4-8) and earth systems, biology, chemistry, and physics; and

(~~[3]~~2) an online direct writing assessment in grades 5 and 8;

(~~[4]~~3) a tenth grade basic skills competency test as detailed in Section 53A-1-611 (suspended through at least the 2011-2012 school year); and

(~~[5]~~4) the use of student behavior indicators in assessing student performance.

(5) The U-PASS Performance Report is suspended through at least the 2011-2012 school year.

H. "USOE" means Utah State Office of Education.

I. "USOE item pool" means all test items developed for or by USOE which are intended to support the instruction of the Utah curriculum for Utah K-12 teachers and students.

J. "Utah Test Item Pool Service (UTIPS)" means a system which includes the USOE item pool, all copyrights, logos, the UTIPS website and domain name, all copyrighted materials, and all other items and equipment used to provide and enhance the USOE item pool.

K. "UTIPS Steering Committee" means a committee formed to govern, support, develop and administer UTIPS. The committee is comprised of the elected co-chairs of the UTIPS User's Group and the UTIPS Operators' Group, the USOE Assessment Director, the USOE Computer Based Assessments Specialist, the USOE Curriculum Director, and one at-large member.

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